Spectrum Policy

2546. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) by when India is going to launch spectrum policy;

(b) whether any discussions by the Wireless Planning Commission with operators in this connection have been held; and

(c) the feedback that Wireless Planning Commission has got from the operators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) The TRAI (Telecom Regulatory Authority of India) has given its recommendations on spectrum related issues. The Committee, constituted to examine these recommendations, has held discussions with various stakeholders, including operators. The report of the Committee is under consideration by the Government. The feedback from operators dwells on requirements of spectrum allocation for new emerging technologies as well as for growth of existing services, and the methodology for such allocations.

Shortage of staff quarters

2547. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of quarters for MTNL staff in Cuddapah;

(b) if so, whether Government have any proposal to construct more staff quarters for which land is already available at Almaspet area; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): Sir, staff quarter of MTNL are located only in Delhi and Mumbai.

There is shortage of staff quarters in Cuddapah which comes under the jurisdiction of BSNL.